

7 wherein said portion of the address pattern is optically detected
8 by a reading sensor on an electronic reading device, said address
9 pattern comprising a pattern of dots and included on a map having
10 a representation of a particular geographic area; and

11 identify a specific geographical location corresponding
12 to the detected portion of the address pattern.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 14, and 27-28 have been amended as shown above in marked-up form and as shown in the attached Appendix in clean form. Thus, claims 1-28 are currently pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action dated June 11, 2002, the Examiner rejected claim 28 as being anticipated by DeLorme et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,848,373, and rejected claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLorme et al. ('373) in view of Victor, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,751,380, and DeLorme et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,321,158. Each of independent claims 1, 14, 27, and 28 has been amended to recite that the address pattern comprises a pattern of dots. None of the cited references disclose or suggest a system or method for retrieving position-related information or a method for producing a map for use with an electronic reading device that uses an address pattern comprising a pattern of dots.

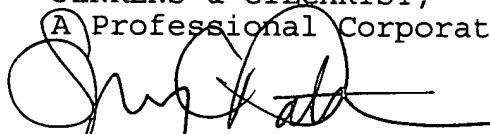
Accordingly, the present invention as defined by the amended claims is respectfully submitted to be patentable over the cited art.

Moreover, as recited in independent claim 1, the pattern of dots is disposed throughout the representation of the particular geographic area and each specific geographical location within the geographical area is associated with a unique, substantially overlapping portion of the address pattern. Again, none of the cited references disclose or suggest such a feature, and claim 1 is therefore allowable over the cited art.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the thorough reconsideration of this application and earnestly solicit an early notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX - Clean Version of Amended Claims

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1. (Twice Amended) A system for retrieving position-related information, comprising:
a map, including:
a representation of a particular geographical area;
an address pattern comprising a pattern of dots disposed throughout said representation of the particular geographic area, wherein each specific geographical location within the geographical area is associated with a unique, substantially overlapping portion of the address pattern and can be identified from the associated unique portion of the address pattern;
an electronic reading device including a reading sensor for optically detecting a portion of the address pattern; and
a server for identifying a specific geographical location corresponding to the detected portion of the address pattern.

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6. (Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the positioning device uses global positioning system (GPS) technology.

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14. (Twice Amended) A method for retrieving position-related information, comprising the steps of:

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optically detecting a selected position on an address pattern with an electronic reading device, said address pattern comprising a pattern of dots, wherein said position can be determined from a detected portion of the address pattern near the position;

sending an indication of the selected position from the electronic reading device to a server; and

identifying a geographical location corresponding to the selected position.

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27. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a map for use with an electronic reading device, comprising the steps of:

assigning each position of a selected, optically detectable address pattern to a corresponding geographical location, said address pattern comprising a pattern of dots;

identifying a region of the selected, optically detectable address pattern that corresponds to a geographical area to be represented on a map; and

printing the map on the identified region of the selected, optically detectable address pattern, such that each geographical location on the map is printed at the corresponding assigned position of the selected, optically detectable address pattern.

28. (Twice Amended) A system for retrieving position-related information, comprising

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a server connected to a communication network, said server operable to:

receive information relating to an optically detected portion of an address pattern via the communication network, wherein said portion of the address pattern is optically detected by a reading sensor on an electronic reading device, said address pattern comprising a pattern of dots and included on a map having a representation of a particular geographic area; and

identify a specific geographical location corresponding to the detected portion of the address pattern.
